LISTING OF CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently amended) A method comprising topically administering a composition to an eye of a mammal, said method being effective in delivering a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutically active agent to a structure or combination of structures of the eye which include the vitreous humor and structures posterior to the vitreous; said composition comprising:
 - a. an effective amount of the therapeutically active agent, or a
 pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, to provide a
 therapeutically effective amount of the therapeutically active agent to said
 structure or combination of structures of the eye, and
 - b. an effective amount of a cyclodextrin to provide said therapeutically effective amount of said therapeutically active agent to said structure or combination of structures of the eye.

comprising a cyclodextrin and a therapeutically active agent, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a prodrug thereof, to the eye of a mammal in need thereof, wherein said method is effective in improving delivery of said therapeutically active agent to the back of the eye.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said mammal is a human.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said therapeutically active agent, or salt or prodrug thereof, is water-insoluble.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said therapeutically active agent, or salt or prodrug thereof, is water-soluble.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said therapeutically active agent is not administered to reduce intraocular pressure.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said therapeutically active agent is not administered to treat allergic conjunctivitis.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said therapeutically active agent is not administered to treat dry eye.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said therapeutically active agent is not administered to treat a condition affecting the front of the eye.

- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising a β -cyclodextrin derivative.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising a β -cyclodextrin derivative and a water-soluble polymer.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising prednisolone acetate, hydroxypropyl-β-cyclodextrin, and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising a γ -cyclodextrin derivative.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 5 comprising prednisolone acetate.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said cyclodextrin derivate is hydroxypropyl-γ-cyclodextrin.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 5 which further comprises a cellulose derivative.
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 5 which further comprises hydroxypropylmethylcellulose having a concentration less than 1%.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 5 comprising from 0.05% to 0.4% hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 5 comprising about from 0.1% to 0.25% hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.
- 19. (Original) A pharmaceutical product comprising a solution comprising a therapeutically active agent, or a pharmaceutically active salt or a prodrug thereof, and a cyclodextrin, wherein said solution has an ophthalmically acceptable pH,
- a container suitable for dispensing drops of said solution to the eye of a mammal in need of treatment by said prodrug, and
- a package which indicates that said product is useful for treatment of a disease or condition affecting the back of the eye.
- 20. (Currently amended) A composition comprising an <u>effective amount of a therapeutically active agent or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof</u>, and an effective amount of a cyclodextrin;

wherein the amount of the therapeutically active agent or salt or prodrug thereof and the amount of the cyclodextrin are effective to deliver a therapeutically effective amount of

which include the vitreous humor and structures posterior to the vitreous;
wherein the therapeutically effective amount of the therapeutically active agent is
delivered by administering said composition topically, wherein said therapeutically
active agent is intended for dtreatment or prevention of a disease or condition affecting
the back of the eye and wherein said composition is suitable for topical ophthalmic
administration.

- 21. (Original) The composition of claim 19 wherein said therapeutically active agent is not intended to reduce intraocular pressure.
- 22. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein said therapeutically active agent is not intended to treat a condition affecting the front of the eye.
- 23. (Original) The composition of claim 20 comprising from 0.1% to 2% prednisolone acetate and from 1% to 30% of the cyclodextrin.
- 24. (Original) The composition of claim 23 comprising a β-cyclodextrin derivative.
- 25. (Original) The composition of claim 23 comprising a γ-cyclodextrin derivative.